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Aviation Developments: Reported Order for Comet III's/ Difficulty in Finding Chairmen for Nationalized Airlines.

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- 1. "Air India International are reported to have ordered two Comet III's for delivery in 1957. All their previous purchases of aircraft have been from Lockheed. It is believed that this order does not imply cancellation of their current order for three Super Constellations, due for delivery in 1954.
- 2. "The Government of India are having difficulty in finding chairmen for the two corporations they are creating to control their newly nationalized airlines. J.R.D. <u>Tata</u>; who previously agreed to head the international corporation, has now rejected the post. It is believed that he cited as reasons the excess of bureaucratic control and the low remuneration (a rumored \$7500 a year). The vacancy at the head of the domestic airline corporation is caused by lack of qualified applicants as much as any other factor."

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